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Dear Interested Reader,

The Emigrant Creek Ranger District of the Malheur National Forest is conducting an analysis under the guidelines contained in the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA), on National Forest system lands within the Crow project area. The Crow Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project is located within the Emigrant Creek watershed, Crowsfoot Creek-Emigrant Creek, Whiskey Creek-Emigrant Creek, and Bear Canyon Creek subwatersheds; within Harney County. The proposal includes hazardous fuel reduction activities including commercial, precommercial, salvage, landscape scale prescribed burning activities, and road activities. An Environmental Assessment should form the basis for a decision.

The Crow project was developed in cooperation with the Harney County Restoration Collaborative (HCRC). For more information about the proposed action, a scoping package can be obtained from the Emigrant Creek District Office in Hines, Oregon or on the Malheur National Forest website at https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57288.

During this scoping phase of the NEPA process, we are seeking input, either verbal or written. We are interested in any site-specific issues, concerns or opportunities that you think need to be considered in the development of this analysis.

Written comments are those submitted to the responsible official or designee during a designated opportunity for public participation provided for a proposed project. Specific written comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider.

Please submit your comments by August 7, 2020 to Joshua Giles at 265 Highway 20 South, Hines Oregon 97738. Comments may also be emailed to: comments-pacific northwest-malheuremigrantcreek@fs.fed.us. Thank you for your interest in the management of the Malheur National Forest.

Sincerely,

JOSHUA GILES District Ranger

Enclosure



